

## RAINING AGAIN.

Another Cheerless Day for People of Paris.

The Seine Continues to Rise an Inch an Hour.

## THROUGH THE ROOF

Of the Subway Water Inundates Whole Street.

Record Mark of 1615 Has Nearly Been Reached.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The boiling waters of the Seine were still rising at noon today at the rate of an inch and a quarter an hour. There is a steady downpour of rain and the temperature is falling. Everywhere the situation is appreciably worse than yesterday.

When the day broke over Paris and the submerged provinces surrounding the prospect was a cheerless one. A heavy rain had set in and a brisk breeze out of the north served to drive the flood to points which heretofore had escaped its invasion.

During the night there was little of encouragement and with the early hours of today came a decided change for the worse.

Messages of sympathy from the outside, many of them accompanied with substantial contributions, were another feature of the situation that afforded cause for thanksgiving.

Telegraphic communication with the outside was extremely defective today and at times wholly interrupted. There is no direct communication between this city and England and messages for central Europe generally were diverted through indirect routes. It was feared this morning that it might be impossible after a little to transmit any great amount of the press matter with which the offices of the telegraph and cable companies were burdened today.

The French cable company announced that communication between this city and the provinces was difficult and at times interrupted, causing great delay.

The morning found a great force of masons still at work in erecting a wall, which it was hoped would divert the flood from the historic Hotel Lauzun, and the famous Hotel Lauzun, adjoining. Both of these houses were built in the 17th century, the Hotel Lauzun having been purchased by the city 10 years ago and made over as a museum of art.

The Rue St. Lazare was inundated throughout its extent, the water having found its way up through the subway. The roof of the subway under the Place De l'Opera fell in during the night.

The Rue St. Louis is fast disappearing beneath the waters, and unless conditions change soon will be submerged.

The River Seine continued to rise early today and lacked but a few inches of attaining the greatest flood maximum on record. This was in 1615 and when the country was without the modern barriers which are designed to protect Paris and nearby points in such emergencies.

Streets Are Hoisted.

An unfortunate shift of the wind from north to southwest, accompanied by a falling barometer and heavy rain added a new thrill to the flood today. Twelve of the 25 bridges over the river have been closed and the quays on either side from one end of the city to the other are either inundated or have been topped off as usual.

The Esplanades Des Invalides is a sheet of water. The turgid flood has crept back almost to the Jardin Du Luxembourg and the Rue de la Concorde was closed and guarded by soldiers and the lower Champs Elysee on the right bank. The Palais Du Glac and other resorts and restaurants are surrounded, even the Place De l'Opera at the core of the city threatening to sink to the subway beneath.

Ceilers throughout the district from that point to St. Lazare station, comprising the Faubourg Montmartre and the Rue Berger and the richer sections in the Rue De Provence, the Rue Drouot and the Rue De Chateaux Dons are divided to the street level with water from the overflooded subterranean river.

From the Rue De La Grange-Batellere only one street, the Rue De la Paix, is open to the submerged eleventh arrondissement, necessitating a three mile detour to reach the eleventh from the ninth arrondissement.

Big Drain Explodes.

At the Place Pereire, the main drain exploded flooding the subway and the workmen inside narrowly escaped. Another main broke, emptying its contents into the basement of the principal market and destroying the entire reserve stocks of provisions.

The Place Du Palais-Bourbon, where the deputies are now sitting, is nearly isolated. While a corporal and two soldiers in a row boat were trying to deliver the orders of their commander, the boat was swept into the Seine and the corporal fell overboard.

The authorities continue to battle bravely with the situation, but their resources becoming exhausted. The police, firemen and soldiers who have been on duty night and day since Monday are worn out and volunteers to aid the work of rescue and relief were called for today.

The improved dikes along the quays have broken and the chief efforts are now directed to keeping the bridges free of driftwood. Men with ropes fastened about their bodies are lowered over the sides of the bridges into the freezing water to further this work.

Offers of Aid.

Red Cross ambulances go clanging through the streets. Soldiers are replacing police for sentinal duty, giving the city the appearance of being in a state of siege. Offers of aid are pouring in from the outside, but as yet the government has not made an official announcement as to whether such gifts would be acceptable. Both the government and the municipal administration have decided to adopt strong measures to prevent shopkeepers from unduly raising the price of food, but as the climax is reached the authorities appear to be concerned with what may follow even more than with the present situation.

The fear that pestilence will come after the flood is great and arrangements are being perfected to insure the prompt disinfection and cleaning of the city as soon as the waters subside.

A touching evidence of the conditions above the city came today in the shape of a sargent's appeal from the enton for food and clothing for 2,000 babies rescued at Alfortville and Irvy, who have been without proper clothing four days.

The engine room of the paper mills at Essonnes, near Corbeil, in Seine-et-Oise, is being flooded, and as the mills there supply a good deal of the paper for the Paris newspapers the publications in the metropolis are in danger of having their supply cut off.

The danger also is augmented by the difficulty of transporting the paper to Paris.

The water is infiltrating the cellars of the Central Telegraph building in the Rue De Grenelle. The water is twelve feet deep in the engine room and many cables have been submerged and paralyzed.

The boulevard St. Germain is flooded from the quay to the docks of the ministry of public works and the water is also at the doors of the ministry of war.

French stocks averaged a loss of 30 francs the last week. The subway shares dropped 60 francs and all industries were off, but considering the extent of the disaster, the drops are hardly as great as were anticipated.

When the dam at Gennevilliers, a town six miles from Paris, broke yesterday, a wall of water swept over the plain, submerging the lower quarters of the Gennevilliers and the neighboring towns of Colombes and Asnieres.

A general race for life followed, boats having in charge the relief of the hard and they succeeded in taking off in boats all those who were imprisoned in the houses.

Fifty girls today were taken out of the second story of the convent on the Boulevard De Dalm.

Morgan Offers \$50,000.

New York, Jan. 28.—J. Pierpont Morgan has cabled the French authorities having in charge the relief of the flood victims, offering \$50,000 to help in the work.

## WIRING CAUSES FIRE.

House at Tenth and Topeka Avenues Badly Damaged.

A fire similar in every respect to the conflagration at the Millsaugh home a few weeks ago, caused about \$1,500 damage to the two story frame rooming house on the southeast corner of Tenth and Topeka avenues at 11 o'clock this morning.

The fire was caused by electric wiring, had spread all through the roof before discovered and burned out the roof and damaged the furniture in the second story before it could be extinguished just as the Millsaugh fire had done.

The house is occupied by Mrs. Geo. L. Seymour and is used as a rooming house. All of the upstairs rooms were occupied by young men. The insurance on the furniture will cover the loss to the tenement. The owner of the house is J. M. Freley, general manager of the Santa Fe.

The entire roof was burning when the alarm was turned in to the downtown and close in stations. In checking the fire at the roof the firemen did all that could have possibly been done. The fire started just above the electric wire boxes under the roof and was caused by defective wiring.

## SCARED BY THE COMET.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Jan. 28.—With the appearance of comet A 1910, pilgrimages to the shrine of the Virgin of Talpa are being organized, many of the pilgrims making the journey for miles on their knees. Talpa is in the western section of the state of Jalisco and pilgrimages are made annually to the shrine.

Advice from several points state that consternation reigns among the more superstitious class.

## SPARE NO ONE.

Glavis Testifies That Was the Order From Ballinger.

Then Cunningham Claims Were Clear Listed in a Month.

## HIS PROTEST BY WIRE

Was Sent in and the Order Was Revoked.

Secretary Had Friends Among the Alaska Claimants.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Louis R. Glavis today continued his testimony against Secretary Ballinger before the congressional investigating committee. The proceedings at the morning session were taken up largely by reading into the record certain letters, etc., which have been made public from time to time since the controversy started.

Glavis declared that despite the fact that he was directed by Mr. Ballinger, as commissioner of the land office, on December 13, 1907, to make a complete and thorough examination of all the Alaskan coal land cases, sparing no one, the Cunningham claims were ordered "clear listed" for patent in less than a month thereafter. On his protest, Mr. Ballinger, Glavis said the clearing was revoked.

The following witnesses today were subpoenaed to appear before the committee at the request of the "prosecution":

Horace T. Jones, special agent land office, Portland, Ore.; Arthur R. Bowman, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Andrew Kennerly, Seattle, Henr. M. Hoyt, attorney general of Porto Rico; P. C. Richardson, Seattle.

Washington, Jan. 28.—An executive session of the investigation committee delayed the opening of today's proceedings until 10:35 a. m., at which hour Louis R. Glavis again took the witness stand.

Ballinger Was Absent.

All the members of the committee were present at the opening of the session. Mr. Pinchot and his dismissed assistants of the forest service were early on hand but Secretary Ballinger was again absent.

Attorney Brandeis, representing Glavis, presented to the committee a long list of witnesses to be summoned. Glavis took up his story where he left off Wednesday afternoon, giving his testimony in response to questions from his attorney.

Glavis said that United States Attorney Hoyt had suggested to him in 1907 that he should take up the matter of the Alaska coal lands direct with Secretary of the Interior Garfield.

"But I did not think it would look well to go over the head of my immediate superiors," he added.

Glavis said he did write to H. H. Schwartz, then a chief of the field division, saying he was worried about the Alaskan situation and would like to confide in him.

"It will pain you as much as it has pained me," the letter ran, "but I am sure you will want to learn the true situation."

"What Alaskan claims did you refer to in that letter?" asked Representative Olmstead. "All of them," replied the witness.

"Some 900 in all?"

At this time Mr. Ballinger was commissioner of the land office.

Takes Up Printed Document.

Attorney Brandeis next took up the printed document in the case, which consists of 807 pages, and spent some time in calling the attention of the committee to various letters, telegrams, etc., tending to show Glavis' activity in the Alaska cases. The attorney said he also wanted to call attention to certain letters, which showed the part Mr. Ballinger played as commissioner in directing the inquiry.

His purpose in this, he said, was to indicate that President Taft and Attorney General Wickham were mistaken when they reached the stated conclusion that Mr. Ballinger's participation was a constant user of

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## BY ORDER OF THE KING.

Lady Constance, Barefooted Dancer, Stricken From Court Lists.

London, Jan. 28.—King Edward has ordered the name of Lady Constance Stewart Richardson stricken from all the court lists because she persists in giving her barefoot dances at the Palace music hall. Through Sir Edward Knollys she has been advised never to appear before the king again.

Lady Constance Richardson collapsed when the royal command was given to her. She tried to break her contract with Alfred Butts, the music hall manager, who is said to be paying her \$1,000 a week, but was talked out of the plan. Such action, she was told, would not make amends.

The king formerly was friendly toward Lady Constance and admired her athletic prowess. He first became disaffected with her when, after giving her "Salome" dance before him, she suddenly sank on her knees at the conclusion of the dance and said, in the manner of the prophetess, "I am the king's mistress."

"Sir, give me the head of Sir Ernest Cassel," she cried.

Sir Ernest Cassel is the king's financial adviser, and although "unpopular generally, is a favorite of his majesty. The king did not relish the joke.

## FILE A DEMURRER.

Attorneys for Wardlaw Sisters Take a New Tack.

New York, Jan. 28.—Claiming that aiding and abetting a suicide is not a crime in the state of New Jersey, counsel for the three Wardlaw sisters now in jail awaiting trial for causing the death of Oecy W. M. Sneed, the East Orange bath tub victim, are taking steps to free the elderly prisoners. Today the attorneys for the sisters filed a demurrer to the indictment against the women and prepared to combat it when it is moved, as anticipated, for early argument before the supreme court.

Attorneys for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of the victim, and Mrs. Mary Sneed and Miss Virginia Wardlaw, the dead girl's aunts, the three heirs under indictment declare that the recent finding by a chemist that the dead woman's body contained morphine disproves the theory that she was murdered by drowning in a bath tub and brings the suicide accusation to the front. Precedents are cited in the demurrer for the claim that there is no crime in suicide or in aiding in a suicide under the New Jersey laws.

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## CRIPPLED BOY STABBED.

While Defending an Old Man From Torturers.

New York, Jan. 28.—While defending an aged and helpless man from three men tormentors today, Thomas Graham, a partially paralyzed newsboy, was stabbed three times by one of the men in Herald square. An ambulance failing to respond promptly, two women in an automobile, who had paused at the sight of the crowd, took the wounded newsboy to their machine and while the car sped to Bellevue hospital, they held him on their laps and their rich dresses became saturated with the blood from his wounds. Doctors said the crippled lad would probably die. Two arrests were made.

## DIED AT AGE OF 116.

This Woman Smoked Cigarettes for Over a Century.

Patagonia, Ariz., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Juana Corona, said to be the oldest person in Arizona, is dead here at the age of 116 years. Her youngest surviving child is 60 years old.

Mrs. Corona was born in Sonora, Mexico, Oct. 20, 1794. She had been married three times.

From her tenth birthday until her death she was a constant user of cigarettes.

## POLITICAL GOSSIP.

When Gov. Stubbs and Harry Bone Apologized.

Each Supported Other for Office and Is Sorry.

## HODGES' CANDIDACY.

Democrat Senator Looks Formidable to Republicans.

Editor Steele for Congress in the First District.

During the debate Thursday noon between Governor Stubbs and District Attorney H. J. Bone over the charges the governor had made against the district attorney the discussion took a personal turn.

"You recommended me for the place of district attorney," said Mr. Bone, "and you should at least take enough interest in your choice for the place to examine the records that will either verify or disprove your charges."

"Yes, I did," replied the governor, "and I am sorry for it now."

"And I supported you for governor and am equally as sorry," replied Mr. Bone.

"You supported me because you hated Leland," said the governor.

"And you recommended me because you hated District Attorney Dean," replied Mr. Bone.

Then they both apologized for having helped each other politically in the past.

Shukers Enters Denial.

Governor Stubbs had nothing at all to say today further about the Harry Bone controversy. He declined to discuss the subject. Charles Shukers, his attorney for the charges he made against Mr. Bone, stated that he had not told the governor that Mr. Bone had not made any prosecutions against bootleggers. Mr. Shukers did not want to get into the controversy at all. "I am an innocent bystander," he said. "I told the governor that Jim Simpson had told me that he had filed 372 complaints with the district attorney. Mr. Bone's name was not mentioned. I said nothing, nor did Mr. Simpson say anything about whether or not any prosecutions had been made."

"Simpson said that his responsibility ended after he had filed the complaints. The governor is mistaken if he gives me as his authority for the statement that Mr. Bone had not prosecuted any one. I never mentioned Mr. Bone's name, nor did Mr. Simpson in his conversation with me."

The governor stated that I had seen the telegram he sent to the president in regard to this matter. I did see it. It was sent over to me, but I did not understand that I was to O. K. it, but rather to pass on the form in which it was written. I did not know where he got his information aside from the fact that Simpson had said he had filed those 372 complaints with the district attorney. I understand that Simpson's district comprises a part of Oklahoma. I did not say that the complaints were filed with Mr. Bone or that he had failed to prosecute them."

It would appear from the evidence in the case that there is nothing to substantiate any direct or specific attack on Mr. Bone. Nothing to show that he had failed of his duty in any specific instance.

Mr. Bone will likely take the whole matter up with his superiors at Washington and demand an investigation in order that he may be exonerated. It is not known at this time what further step the governor will take in the matter.

The launching of the candidacy of Senator Hodges of Olathe for governor will be given serious consideration by the Republican leaders. Senator Hodges is progressive. He fought in the state senate two years ago for the same reforms that the Republican state leaders are now fighting for. Without the help of such Democrats as Hodges these reforms would have been impossible.

The Democrats of the state appear to be united on the Johnson country senator and he will be a formidable candidate against the Republicans split.

Charles' folks lived in a little Ohio village where jobs were scarce and the pay was small. When the Seasons boy got old enough to work he hired out to a farmer and plowed corn in the summer and cut his corn in the fall and winter. After a few years of hard work the kid had saved a leather wallet full of dollars and he resolved to embark in business.

A butcher in his home town kindly consented to sell his business to this coming Armour and the farmer's apprentice became a vendor of meats. The kid bought his meat for cash and in the guilelessness of youth, sold the meat on credit. When his money was gone he tried to collect his meat bills, but he found nothing doing. The could be but one cent to his venture.

One night Charlie announced to the loafers in his packing plant that the shop would be closed on the morrow until further notice.

The next morning Charlie came down to his place later than usual and found that some village was had pasted the following sign on his door: "Gone out of business. Proprietor is cutting corn on the farm."

The cut-up who had written the sign was a good guesser, for the next day the butcher could have been found on the farm cutting corn. The worst of it all was, though, that the fellow who wrote the sign was one of the principal debtors to the defunct establishment.

It Is Cooler Today.

The temperature dropped to 23 degrees at 6 o'clock this morning but rose rapidly and today continues warm. The wind is blowing 12 miles an hour from the northwest. The forecast for tomorrow is for fair weather with warmer weather in the western portion of the state tonight. The same temperature will prevail here. There is a chance that the wind will veer to the south tomorrow.

Following are the hourly temperatures today:

7 o'clock.....29	11 o'clock.....37
8 o'clock.....29	12 o'clock.....39
9 o'clock.....31	1 o'clock.....41
10 o'clock.....35	2 o'clock.....43

Kansas Wife Dies in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Minnie Ellis, 26 years old, the wife of Arthur Ellis, a farmer near Paola, Kan., died at St. Margaret's hospital. She had been ill five weeks from blood poisoning. The body was taken to Paola today.

## FIND BIG FRAUD.

State Officials and Officers of Insurance Companies

Discover Swindle Amounting to \$100,000 or More.

## HOW IT WAS WORKED.

Policies Secured on Aged and Infirm Persons

While Healthy Subjects Are Submitted for Examination.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—Rapid developments are expected in the alleged insurance frauds which state officials and officers of the insurance companies involved claim will reveal bold and systematic robberies of companies in half a dozen states. John J. Kean, Timothy O'Leary and Patrick J. Needham, local agents for several life insurance companies, who were arrested last night charged with defrauding companies which employed them out of thousands of dollars were arraigned today. The law's net, it is said, will not be drawn tight until it further encloses at least three prominent Louisville physicians and a score or more of "dummies."

The Indiana Life Insurance company of Indianapolis, Ind., charges that the three men under arrest defrauded the insurance companies by various devices of insuring indigent, diseased and decrepit, invalids and through a collusion with some of the relatives of the applicants sharing in a division of the death claims when paid; by submitting perfectly sound persons to physicians for physical examination but having the policies made out in the name of some other person in precarious health by collusion with physicians who supplied the agents with blank filled out, no examination of any character having been made and by other methods. Mr. Kean charged that \$100,000 or more had been fraudulently obtained. His affidavits alleged the three agents worked for the following companies:

Indiana National Insurance company of Indiana, the Independent Insurance company of Indianapolis, Ind., the Commonwealth Life Insurance company of Kentucky, and the Standard Life Insurance company of Des Moines.

William E. Richards, coroner of Floyd county, Ind., and former medical examiner for the National Life Insurance company, said he had signed certificates of health for applicants for insurance whom he did not know, but only when he had been assured by the agents of the companies that the "risk was a good one."

"I did not have to stretch any points in order to pass these risks, but there were too many of them looking for policies," said Dr. Richards.

PRICES STILL DROP.

Retailers Make Cuts in All Kinds of Provisions.

New York, Jan. 28.—Effects of the anti-price campaign are strongly reflected in local markets today. While accessions to the lists of no meat for thirty days families, the impetus of the initial movement is still strong enough to influence prices, which continue to drop. Dealers have predicted that the Saturday marketers would find themselves able to replenish their stocks at from 10 to 20 per cent less than a week ago.

The milk situation remains in statu quo with two of the biggest dealers holding at the nine cent rate but with general expectation that the first of February will find the eight cent figure ruling all around.

Results in Boston.

Boston, Jan. 28.—The agitation against the meat boycott was started here last week the beef market has shown a weak tendency and there was today a decline of about 25 cents a hundred pounds. Since Monday the price of pork has continued to decline and the commodity is today selling for \$2 less a hundred pounds than the price at this time last week. Many of the larger dealers report that the sales have fallen off fully 35 per cent since the crusade against high prices began.

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Pork Down \$2.

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Shukers for President

Assistant Attorney General May Head Kansas Day Club.

The Kansas Day club will meet in the supreme court room tomorrow afternoon to elect officers for the next year. Many of the club members are in town today in anticipation of the club banquet tomorrow night. Over four hundred tickets have been sold, and the big doings tomorrow night promise to be as big as any of the big ones in the past.

Charles Shukers, assistant attorney general, is talked of today for the next president of the club. He looks very much like the popular and able lawyer from Sedan, Chautauqua county, will have this honor thrust upon him.

W. L. Montgomery, the present secretary of the club, is being urged to accept that office a second time. Mr. Montgomery has put in a lot of time and hard work in getting everything in smooth running order for the banquet this year and his efforts promise a nice success.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in west portion tonight.



The Stubbs-Bone "Table Rapping" Incident.